Application Number 10/670,780
Reply to Office action of September 19, 2005

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Claims 2-17 and 18-30 remain pending In the present application.

The Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for his careful examination.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-6, 10-13, 17-21, 25-27 and 31 as being unpatentable over Berlioz et al. (US 6,400,283) in view of Jones (US 4,495,806).

The Examiner has further allowed Claims 28-30.

Accordingly, the Applicant hereby cancels independent Claims 1, 18 and 31.

The Applicant hereby amends claims 2 to depend on allowed claim 28 as well as claims 19, 20, 22, 23 and 25 to depend on allowed claim 29.

The Applicant has therefore amended the claims in conformity to the Examiner's Office Action.

In view of the foregoing it is believed that Claims 2-17 and 18-30 are allowable over the prior art and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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